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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-GRC PUBLICIZES INTEREST IN ROC-VPU--US ROUTE

REF: TAIPEI 540; STATE 20495

1. ALL MAJOR TAIPEI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED FEB 1 THAT GRC HAS ASKED USG FOR AIR ROUTE TO US VIA GUAM. STORIES BASED ON OFFICIAL CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH STATED THAT "NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON KFOR OPENING A NEW TAIPEI-GUAM AIR ROUTE",NOTING THAT US SERVICE WOULD BE CONTINUED VIA GUAM IF CAL "BARRED FROM TOKYO". CNA AND LOCAL PAPERS POINTEDLY LIKED REQUEST TO ROC REFUSAL TO ACCEPT JAPANESE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN CURRENT AIRLINE AGREEMENT.

2. CNA REPORT IS OBVIOUS GRC ATTEMPT TO USE GUAM ROUTE TO ASSERT PRESSURE ON GOJ. IF QUERRIED BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INFORM GOJ THAT REPORT AS TO NEGOTIATIONS IS NOT CORRECT. WHILE USG HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GRC WE HAVE NOT YET TAKEN ANY ACTION ON IT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER HAVING EMBASSY TOKYO INITIATE DENIAL IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD ALSO INFORM GRC.

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